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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CHANGES IN INTERIOR MINISTRY

1. HAITIS NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL DEFENSE, AURELIEN JEANTY, MADE SEVERAL KEY APPOINTMENTS IN HIS MINISTRY ON JULY 4. ISNER CHAMPAGNE, WHO AS SECRETARY GENERAL WAS THE THIRD-RANKING PERSON IN THE MINISTRY, WAS REPLACED BY JACQUES ANDRE. AS THE HEAD OF THE SERVICE OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION WEBER GUERRIER SUCCEEDS MAJOR AUBAINE AZOR.

2. THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE HAS BEEN ROCKED IN RECENT WEEKS BY A MAJOR SCANDAL INVOLVING FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. THE CASE IS UNDER INTENSE INVESTIGATION AND NUMEROUS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. MAJOR AZOR IS UNDERSTOOD TO AT LEAST HAVE BEEN AWARE OF SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE WILL BE CHARGED WITH ACTIVE COMPLICITY. FEW DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION ARE AVAILABLE AS YET BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO BE PREPARING TO TRY THOSE ACCUSED IN THE AFFAIR.

3. WEBER GUERRIER IS A LOYAL DUVALIERIST WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN RADIO BROADCASTING. HE IS ALSO A LEADING MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN NATIONAL SECURITY (VSN), HAVING FORMERLY COMMANDED THE VSN DETACHMENT AT FORT DIMANCHE. PERSONABLE AND FRIENDLY
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HE HAS BEEN WELL-DISPOSED TOWARDS AMERICANS IN THE PAST. HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE INNOVATIVE IN HIS NEW POST BUT TO FOLLOW ORDERS LIKE A GOOD SERVANT. AS GUERRIER'S DEPUTY, JEANTY APPOINTED DANIEL SUPPLICE, THE SON OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPUTY ANDRE SUPPLICE, AND A SCHOOL CLASSMATE AND CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER. SUPPLICE HAS SERVED ABROAD SINCE 1973 IN THE HAITIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

IN TOKYO, ROME AND MEXICO CITY.

4. JACQUES ANDRE, FORMERLY HEAD AT THE DISPUTES OFFICE IN INTERIOR, IS A LAWYER WHO HAS STUDIED IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS PRO-AMERICAN. WE ARE TOLD THAT HIS PREDECESSOR, ISNER CHAMPAGNE, HAD A BITTER DISPUTE WITH MINISTER JEANTY WHILE JEANTY WAS MININISTER OF JUSTICE. SINCE CHAMPAGNE HAD A REPUTATION FOR ABUSING HIS POWERS, HIS DEPARTURE SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A POSITIVE STEP.
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